

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Monday, April 19, 1999

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MORELLA).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 19, 1999.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CONSTANCE A. MORELLA to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We seek wisdom, O God, so our deeds reflect the works of justice; we seek understanding, O God, so our minds are receptive to the truth; we seek faith, O God, so we will experience the wonders of trust and grace, and we seek peace, O God, so all people will live together in harmony and in respect. It is in Your name, O gracious God, that we offer these sincere petitions. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MORELLA). The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GIBBONS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 16, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 16, 1999 at 12:00 noon.

that the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 911.

that the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1376.

that the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 68.

Appointments: Congressional advisers on trade agreements United States Commission on Civil Rights.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH, *Clerk.*

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair desires to announce that pursuant to clause 4 of rule 1, the Speaker signed the following enrolled bills on Friday, April 16, 1999:

H.R. 911, to designate the Federal building located at 310 New Bern Avenue in Raleigh, North Carolina as the "Terry Sanford Federal Building".

And, H.R. 1376, to extend the tax benefits available with respect to services performed in a combat zone to services performed in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia/Montenegro) and certain other areas, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICIAL OBJECTORS FOR PRIVATE CALENDAR FOR THE 106TH CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On behalf of the majority and minority leaderships, the Chair announces that the official objectors for the Private Calendar for the 106th Congress are as follows: For the majority, Messrs. SENBRENNER of Wisconsin, GEKAS of Pennsylvania, and COBLE of North Carolina.

For the minority, Mr. BOUCHER of Virginia and Ms. DELAURO of Connecticut.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF THE HOUSE TO LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TRUST FUND BOARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to the provisions

of section 1 of the act to create a Library of Congress Trust Fund Board, (2 U.S.C. 154), amended by section 1 of Public Law 102-246, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for a 5-year term to fill the existing vacancy thereon:

Mr. John Henry of Florida.

There was no objection.

NUCLEAR POWER INDUSTRY SHOULD PAY THE COSTS OF MOVING NUCLEAR WASTE

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Madam Speaker, there is going to be a \$2.3 billion price tag for transporting nuclear waste across America. I guess the question should be, and the one we should be asking is, should it be the responsibility of the nuclear power industry who, by the way, created and profited from nuclear energy, or should this price tag be picked up by the American taxpayer?

Well, legislation now pending before the House will force taxpayers to pick up the tab, all \$2.3 billion, for moving this lethal garbage through their neighborhoods and through their communities. On top of that, this legislation would also use American tax dollars to pay for the storage of nuclear waste.

I think most Americans would agree that the cost of transporting and storing these hazardous materials should not have to be paid by innocent American taxpayers. Rather, it should be paid by those responsible: The nuclear power industry.

Madam Speaker, let us save Americans' hard-earned tax dollars and return the responsibility of waste to the power companies who created the problem.

Oppose H.R. 45. I yield back the balance of my time and what little money is left in the pockets of the American people.

CORRECTION TO THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1999 AT PAGE H1979

A portion of the following one-minute speech of the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LEWIS) was omitted from the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of Wednesday, April 14, 1999.